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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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09/622,615

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

1. **Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)

ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,160.00 is enclosed. \$750.00 for filing fee and \$410.00 extension fe

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NOGAMI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1745

Serial No.: 09/622,615

Examiner: **Julian A. Mercado**

Filed: **August 18, 2000**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7364

For. **NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, METHOD OF PRODUCING NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 27, 2003

Sir:

This is a Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-18 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A sintered nickel electrode for an alkaline storage battery in which an active material mainly containing nickel hydroxide is applied to a porous sintered nickel substrate, characterized in that a coating layer containing at least one hydroxide of an element selected from the group consisting of strontium Sr, scandium Sc, yttrium Y, the lanthanoid elements, and bismuth Bi is formed only on a surface that contacts with an electrolyte solution of the active material formed on the porous sintered nickel substrate.